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(a) (1) On request from the inspector general, a Commission employee or official shall promptly provide to the inspector general any available document or other information concerning Commission operations, budget, programs, or vendor contracts.

(2) (i) The inspector general shall notify the Commission chair, vice chair, and executive director if any Commission employee or official fails to provide any information or document requested under this subsection with reasonable promptness.

(ii) The Commission chair, vice chair, or executive director shall take administrative action to produce compliance with a pending request for information by the inspector general as warranted and appropriate.

(b) (1) A vendor of the Commission shall provide to the inspector general any available document or other information concerning any Commission vendor contract, including documents related to the procurement of the contract.

(2) (i) The inspector general shall promptly notify Commission officers if any vendor fails to provide any information or document requested under this subsection with reasonable promptness.

(ii) The Commission officers shall take appropriate administrative or civil action to produce vendor compliance with a pending request for information by the inspector general.

(c) (1) Each Commission employee should report any fraud, waste, or abuse to the Office.

(2) A Commission employee, vendor, or employee of any vendor may not be retaliated against or penalized, or threatened with retaliation or penalty, for providing information to, cooperating with, or in any way assisting the inspector general and staff of the Office in connection with any activity authorized under this subtitle.

(3) The inspector general may not disclose the identity of a person that reports an allegation of fraud, waste, or abuse unless:

(i) the reporting person consents to disclosure of the person's identity;

(ii) disclosure is reasonably necessary to complete an audit or investigation; or

(iii) another person is legally entitled to disclosure of the identity of the reporting person.

(d) The inspector general or a staff member authorized by the inspector general may administer an oath or affirmation or take an affidavit from any person if necessary to perform the duties under this subtitle.

(e) The Commission may adopt regulations to carry out this section.

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